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Trying to Move A Mountain

BULLETIN—Neal was taken to Baptist Hospital in Columbia early Thursday by his wife and Robert Liming. He was suffering from exposure and expected to be released Friday.

By Nancy M. Higgins

The South Carolina State House stands before us in grey granite grandeur. The building, like the government it represents, is massive and immovable.

But there is a flaw in the picture. Someone is sitting on the top step. One man is physically dwarfed by the building as any individual is dwarfed by the size and the power of the state government when he tries to affect it.

This symbolism is surely not lost on William L. Neal, Jr., who once taught English at Francis Marion College in Florence.

Neal, 51, has been fasting on the State House steps since Dec. 18. He hopes his demonstration will persuade Gov. James Edwards to call a special session of the legislature so it may consider a bill to remove the four per cent sales tax on utilities.

The events which led Neal to his perch began last winter. "The electric bills over in Florence went higher than the house payments last year," he says.

Arguing that the electric power with which Carolina Power and Light supplies his home comes from nuclear power, he stopped paying the fossil fuel charge on his utility bill. He tried, unsuccessfully, to convince the residents of Florence to do likewise. Now he is planning to ask the Court of Common Pleas in Columbia to order the charge removed.

He has tried in other ways to make CP&L's life difficult. "In September, I paid my bill with 8,680 pennies," Neal says.

In November, it was paid with a 4 foot by 8 foot plywood check. "They had to take it on a truck down to the bank," he remembers fondly. "My banker thought it was the greatest thing."

"You might say CP&L knows the name Bill Neal," he says. "Everyone's wondering, including CP&L, what Bill Neal is going to pay his bill with next month." That remains a secret.

Neal began bringing his grievances to the governor's attention in September. He wrote a letter to which one of Edwards' aides responded.

He got a reply from the governor when he wrote a second letter. "It was the most equivocal letter I've ever received in my life," he says. "A politician's letter, a pass-the-buck letter." In the letter, Edwards promised to pass Neal's comments on to the Public Service Commission and the Tax Commission.

This wasn't satisfactory so Neal wrote a third time. "I told him I wanted him to call a session," he says, "to remove the tax on utility bills." He received no reply to that letter.

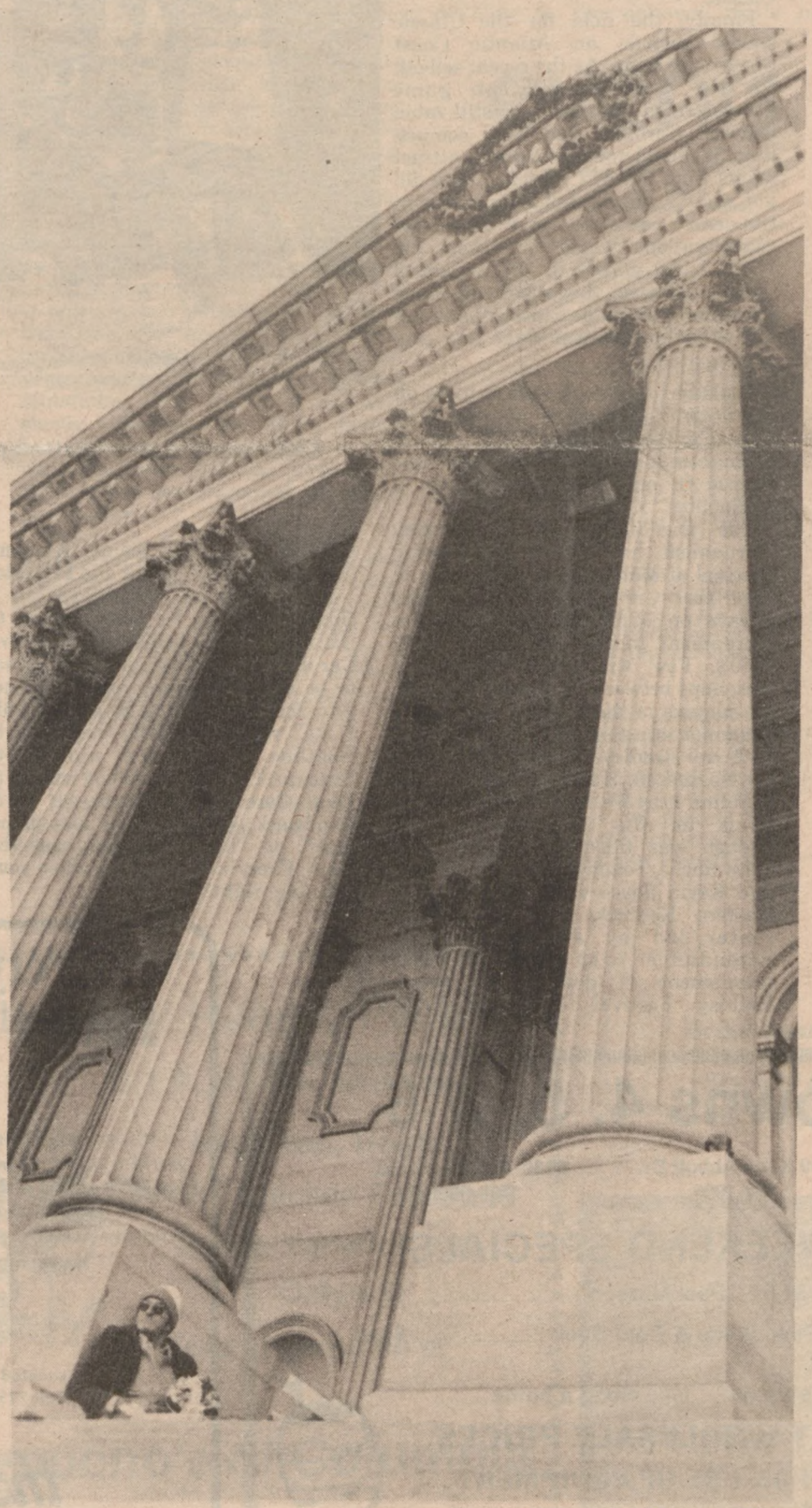

Photo by Donna Bise

Bill Neal, waiting for good news from Gov. Edwards, is a tiny figure on the State House Steps.

"I told him I'd do anything to get it off so here I am up here doing anything," he says.

Neal admits the timing of his vigil wa not exactly a coincidence. "Psychologically, this is the best week to put pressure on the government," he says. He had hoped people would put pressure on Edwards and the governor would have called a special session of the legislature before Christmas. It didn't work that way.

Neal, who had eight children and four grandchildren, celebrated the holiday around the state Christmas tree in front of the capitol. "It's the first time I've been able to use it in 31 years as a South Carolina tax payer," he says. He was joined by friends and members of his family.

"The Grinch (Edwards) tried to steal my Christmas and didn't do it," Neal says. "I want to personally thank the governor for giving me a great Christmas."

In an effort to "bring the issue to a crisis," Neal stopped drinking liquids at midnight Sunday. He wasn't sure he would be able to continue to do so. "If necessary, I'll break my fast to get this thing done," he says.

He may have to do that. Edwards says it would cost $30,000 to $40,000 a day to call a special session of the legislature. The regular session will begin Jan. 10 anyway.

Although Neal has been ignored by the governor, he is getting some attention from the people. A bride and groom left the bride's bouquet with him. He has been serenaded by carolers from Cardinal Newman High School. A tourist from Washington gave him a donation. He has received news coverage in Georgia, West Virginia and Florida, as well as across South Carolina. And he has been visited by drunks who climb the State House steps in the middle of the night.

Neal holds out a Yuban coffee can and asks for contributions for the campaign to remove the sales tax. "I'm taking everything people will give me except solid food," he says.

He is also selling $10 yearly subscriptions to his monthly newspaper, A Voice Crying in South Carolina. "If I get a little money, I'm going to be hell because I'm hell without it," Neal says. He says he would like to see the legislature get hell. "They give people a lot of hell. They ought to get a little themselves."

Thinner, but still in good spirits, Neal has enough energy to talk to anyone who visits him. He will even crawl out of his sleeping bag and go into the Capitol to answer telephone calls. "I'm pressing them to put a telephone up here for me," he says.

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Carolina Classic Should Survive

By Herb Buhl

The Carolina Classic is now history. Not just this year's Classic, but the tournament itself. It has been discontinued. There are no plans for a Classic next year. The Tournament has fallen victim to poor attendance and lack of interest in recent years. The Classic was inaugurated four years ago as Coach Frank McGuire tried to revive the concept of a class southern tournament reminiscent of the old Dixie Classic. During its short life, the Carolina Classic brought quality basketball to Columbia. The teams involved in the Classic represented different areas of the country and some of the best basketball tradition anywhere. The teams in the Classic represented some of the best basketball conferences (the Big Eight, the Ivey League, the PAC-8, the Southeastern Conference and the Atlantic Coast Conference), and teams (Princeton, Alabama, Georgetown, L.S.U., Duke, Virginia, Harvard, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Pennsylvania, Southern California). But high quality teams and outstanding players were not enough to attract South Carolina's fair-weather fans. McGuire probably would have done better to invite three patsies and run up the score each evening which is what often happens in so many other host tournaments. The Carolina Classic has always boasted a fairly strong field, however and fans were always treated to good basketball. The only record this year's Classic set was that of smallest Coliseum crowd (3,315 for December 22) (3,825 for December 23). The previous record for the smallest crowd had been during last year's Carolina Classic when Carolina played Harvard (4,123). The best attendance figures came in those years when the tournament field included Atlantic Coast Conference Teams. Duke and Virginia team that failed to make the finals of the Carolina Classic went on to win the ACC tournament that year. Tournaments come and go but it seems the Carolina Classic is one worth saving. And changes ought to be made to keep the tournament viable.

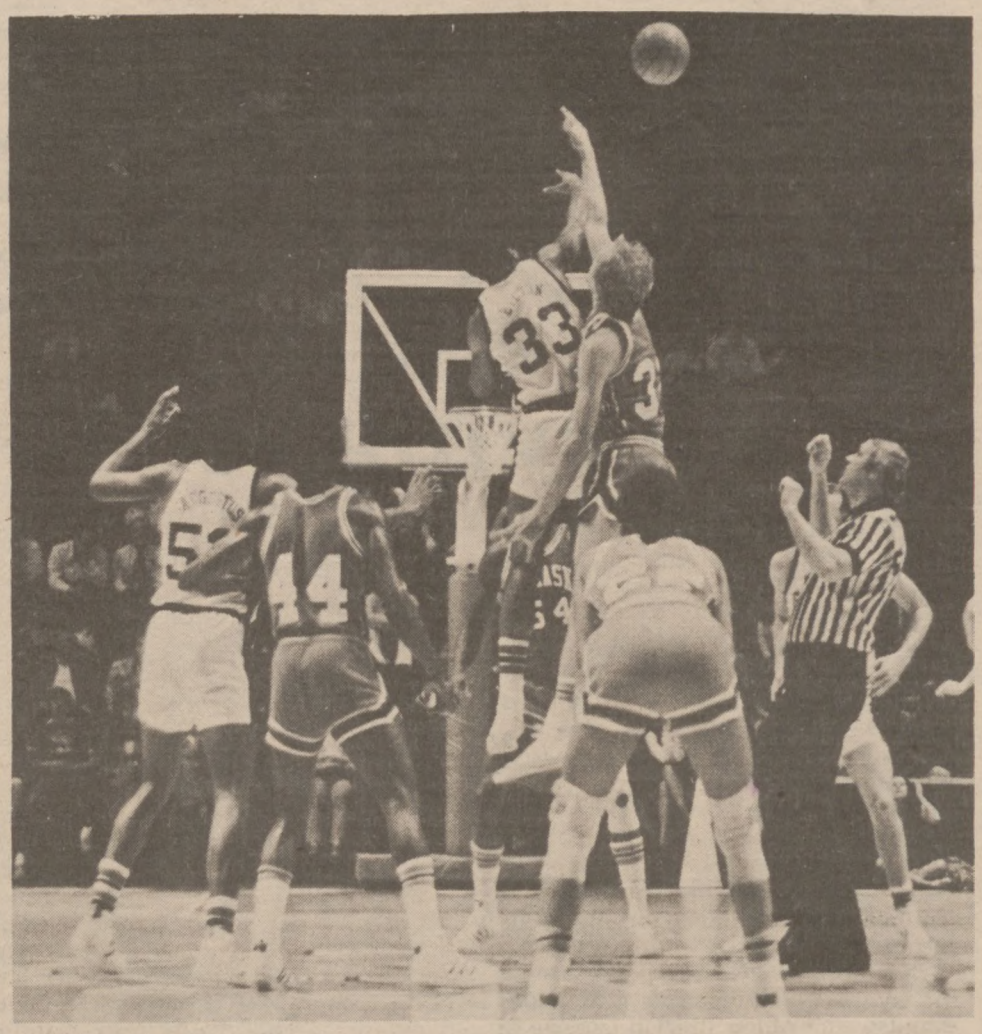
It has been suggested that the Classic comes too close to Christmas. If that is the problem, then why not move it up a week to December 16th and 17th. This schedule move would also enable students, who would still be on campus, to attend the games. Even though this would be during exams, some students would attend to support the team, even if they had to purchase tickets at a reduced-priced student ticket fee as is done with so many other tournaments. Additionally, the Carolina Classic tickets should be sold with the regular season ticket package to the season ticketholders. It is true these season ticket holders lend financial support to the University's authletic programs but they also reap the benefits of some of the best seats in the house when it comes to football and basketball. In reality they get the prime seats for the Classic anyway because they get a priority choice through their Gamecock Membership before any tickets are sold to the public. If the Athletic Department felt the price of this season ticket package would be too expensive, they could arrive at a reasonable package price and still insure the success of the Classic.

Finally, the field for the Classic should include an Atlantic Coast Conference team. As the recent sell-out for the Carolina-Clemson game demonstrated the rivalry is still rabid between Carolina and ACC competition. It should not be too hard to attract teams from the ACC. Even if they did not want to face tough competition in the early season, pure financial considerations would line them up. When Duke played in the inaugural Carolina Classic, they reportedly made more money from the Classic than from any other tournament Duke had ever participated in.

Holiday tournaments seem to be on the decline everywhere, however. The Cable Car Classic, once one of the major tournaments on the West Coast, has slipped in attendance as well as in production.

The grandfather of all holiday tournament has to be the Holiday Festival at Madison Square Garden in New York City. Sell-out crowds were always on hand for the eight team tournament in the 1960's and early 1970's. Few will forget the classic matchups between the top teams or the top players in the country such as the championship game between Princeton, with Bill Bradley, and Michigan, with Cazzie Russell, in 1963. Or the year that Carolina beat Western Kentucky in the finals for the championship. The Garden was filled as Carolina with John Roche, Tommy Riker, Tom Owens and Kevin Joyce was victorious over Western Kentucky with an all-star roster led by Jim McDaniels. Attendance even at this great tournament is down. This year's Holiday Festival, December 27-28, includes only four teams: Alabama, Georgetown, Holy Cross and Princeton.

Some serious consideration of changes should be made before the Carolina Classic is dismantled forever. Carolina's basketball program appears to be on the upswing again and next year for the first time in a long while, U.S.C. will have some height in the frontline. Add a few wins to the Gamecock schedule and you will see the loyal Carolina fan come out of the woodwork again and show up to support "his" or "her" Carolina basketball team. Everybody loves you when you're winning, right?



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Main Street: What Now, My Love?

By Kay Boozer Day

I love anything that is old with lots of character -- like a good St. Emilion, or an intriguing Van Gogh. Perhaps this is why I love Main Street, and I am thankful that the remodeling did not destroy these qualities. The furious controversies that once preceded the changes now manifested on Columbia's Main Street have relinquished the limelight. Tall lights (an understatement), two lanes, and buried wires have taken over, and are but part of the facelift the district has received. It couldn't have been delayed much longer. Main Street has long needed drastic changes -- both merchants and city planners have continually agreed on this fact. Personally, I like it.

Having worked on Main Street for a number of years in retail, I knew firsthand that changes were in order. The merchants were wringing their hands over dips in volume and overstocked inventories. For a while it was Sale City. Over a period of time, many newsstories regarding rennovation plans appeared, most of them conflicting, many of them untrue. Perhaps the best record I have seen of the complications which accompanied the plans for Main Street was kept by a woman, who has operated a business there for quite some time. She clipped each article that appeared over the years and kept a scrapbook which gives the overall impression of the rampant confusion which surrounded the plans over what was to be done. When the buses were rerouted, volumes dipped again, and the merchants naturally looked for blame to plans for the downtown rennovation. Many merchants made individual attempts to halt the project.

Surveying the situation now, I feel that the changes are a definite improvement, although I do not feel that the volumes and traffic will automatically escalate. What is really wrong with Main Street? For one, promotion, or the lack of it. Shiny malls which glitter like new toys are attracting the shoppers with fat wallets and lots of credit cards. The shopping centers are untiring in their efforts to attract customers, waging all out promotional wars. Main Street's retailers must face the fact that a series of spots by individuals on local radio stations will not singlehandedly solve the dilemma. New blood is needed, and a strong leader with knowledge of promoting and advertising. Main Street must compete, in a sense of the word. The physical improvements are nice, yes, but will not singlehandedly restore the traffic and volumes once available. There must be unity in the effort, for a multitude of businesses proceeding in diverse directions will accomplish nothing. Cooperational advertising is in order, for two heads are always better than one. The ingredients are there. Strong businesses have persisted for years, and can serve as an excellent foundation. The traffic is certainly slower -- driving down Main, anyone has time to view displays in the windows. Pedestrians can cross easier, lighting has been improved, the streets are cleaner.

There is now a necessity for unification and competition. No matter what any retailer says, the competition in this area is stiff. If all are willing to cooperate and contribute, there are great possibilities for success. But if disunity and disorganization surface, Main Street will be no futher along than it was several years ago.

Editor's Note: Day worked on Main Street before, during and after the rennovation.

USC Hosts Theatre Festival

The University Theatre Production of Moliere's "The Imaginary Invalid" will be one of six productions included in the Region X American College Theatre Festival at the University of South Carolina, January 26-29.

Announcing the selection, Dr. Patti Gillespie, head of the USC Department of Theatre and Speech, said "It is a great honor to have been selected for the first time in several years to participate and compete in the Regional Festival.

"Over forty colleges and universities submitted productions for consideration and it is a compliment to our faculty, staff, and students to be one of the six chosen for competition."

The Regional Festival includes auditions for the Irene Ryan Regional Acting Scholarship. Two USC students, Beth Cathcart and Terry Sneed from the cast of "The Imaginary Invalid," will compete with 11 other actors for the $500 regional scholarship. The winner will advance to the national finals in Washington, D.C. in the spring and will compete for a $2,000 scholarship.

This is the second year in a row USC students have been chosen to compete in this part of the festival. Last year, Kathleen Estes and John Marion performed in the regional competition. Ms. Estes was the regional winner, and advanced to the national finals.

In previous years, the university has been represented in the festival by "The Rimers of Eldritch" and by David Wesner's "Dancing Days" which was entered in the new play category.

The American College Theatre Festival includes on-campus or state festivals, thirteen regional festivals, and the final presentations at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Now in its tenth year, the festival is presented by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the Alliance for Arts Education. It is sponsored by the Amoco Oil Company.

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The Richland Art School of Columbia Museum of Art will begin a second semester of art workshops January 9.

The art school offers a variety of art courses in painting, drawing, sculpture, pottery and commercial design for youth and adults. Schedules of courses to be offered are available at the Museum's offices, or can be mailed by placing a phone call to 799-2810.

New classes to be offered during the YWCA winter session January 9 - April 8 include: natural foods cooking, multi-media first aid, tailoring, men's clothing, cameo painting, intermediate macrame, preparing your preschool child for school, creative writing, and lots of new children's classes. Contact the YWCA at 252-2151 for registration information.

Two hundred greeting cards from famous people will be on display at the Carolinian Library until Jan. 8. The cards, which come from 23 collections in the library, span a period of nearly 100 years.

A cardiopulmonary resusitation and basic life support course will be offered by the Central South Carolina Chapter, American Red Cross from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 12, 19 and 25 at the Red Cross chapter house, 1100 Shirley St. There will be a $3.60 charge for books and materials. For more information, call 256-2301,

Spoleto to Hire Apprentices

Spoleto Festival U.S.A., which will be held May 25 - June 11 in Charleston, is looking for apprentices to participate in the 18-day events.

The Festival is offering positions for 70 apprentices to serve as carpenters, electricians, prop assistants, audio technicians, wardrobe assistants, wig masters, orchestra managers, production assistants, box office assistants, administrators, photographers, journalists, outdoor program assistants and drivers.

The dates of employment for apprentices will be from May 14 through June 15. Apprentices will receive modest wages. According to Spoleto officials, the Festival's apprentice program provides an excellent opportunity for students to receive exposure to all the arts in the festival.

Spoleto Festival officials also said the College of Charleston may offer college credit for the experience gained in working at the festival.

Individuals interested in applyng for jobs as apprentices or supervisory personnel should contact John H. Paull, III, Production Manager, Spoleto Festival U.S.A., P.O. Box 157, Charleston, S.C. 29402, 803-722-2764.

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Woman Author Merits Attention

By Karen Sundstrom

"Blanche McCrary Boyd? No, I don't think we have anything by her. What is she, a new Gothic writer?"

Well, not exactly.

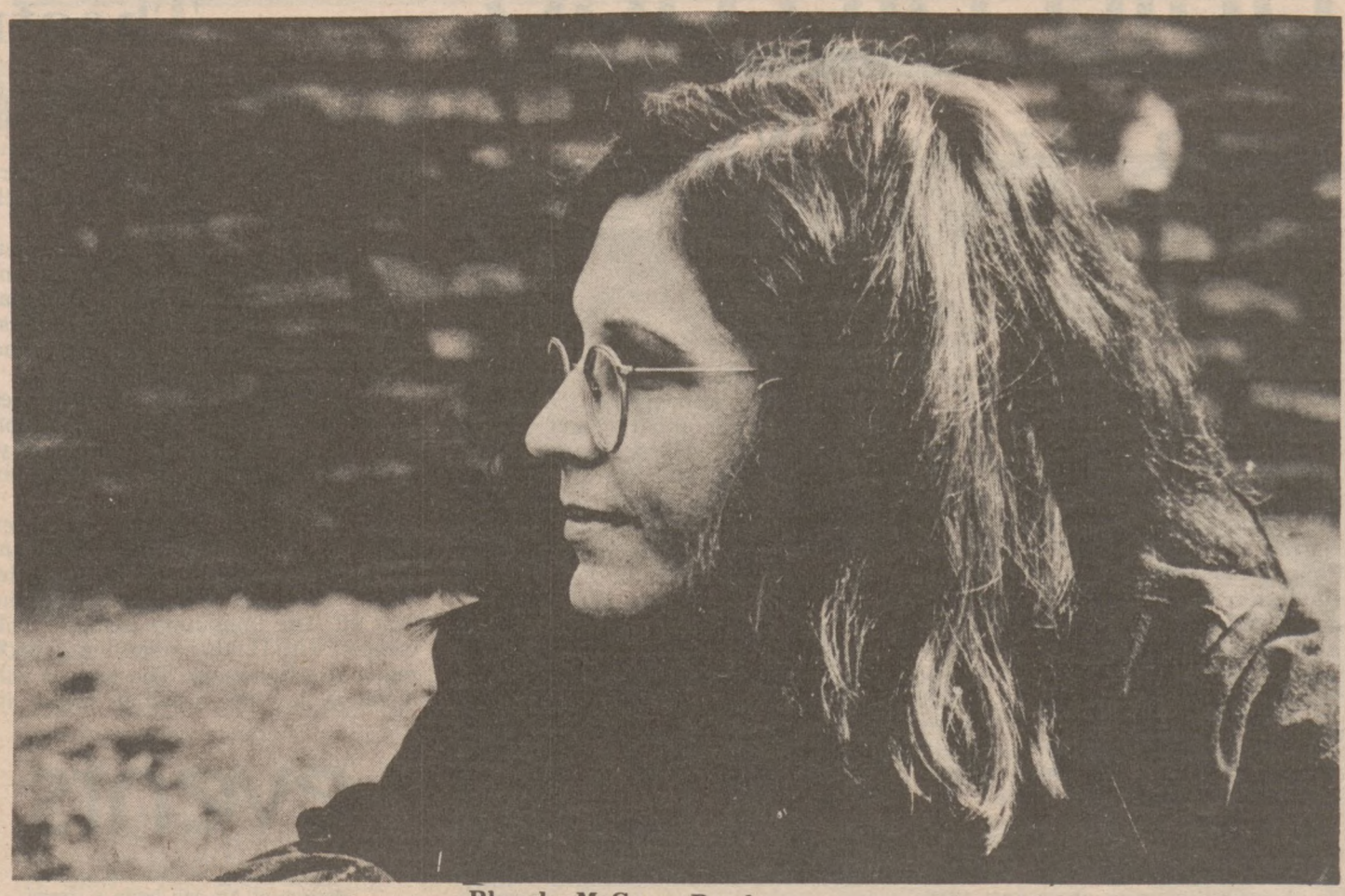
I was visiting a few local bookstores, checking on the availability of her two novels, **Nerves** and **Mourning the Death of Magic**, in anticipation of her appearances in Columbia and Charleston to do readings from her most recent work, **Mourning the Death of Magic**. B. Dalton, Booksellers had it, but no one else had heard of her, much less carried her books, although all of the people I talked with had her pegged as a 'Gothic' writer, no doubt on the basis of that Southern name.

Blanche Boyd writes about women, but that is the only thing she shares with "Gothic" writers. And her characters are besieged, but by dangers and fears somewhat more complex than ghosts of dead wives or secrets in crumbling castles. She is a good, tight, aggressive writer, reared in Charleston and now living in New York. Both of her novels are set, partially or entirely in the Charleston vicinity, with characters who are new and fresh and completely recognizable as Southerners, though not as stereotypes.

I discovered her completely by accident, in the library and picked up **Mourning**...on the basis of the title, the author's name and birthplace and my unfamiliarity with any of it. And it was somewhat of a critic's dream come true; to find a new, good writer entirely on your own without the preliminary hype from publishers which distorts your opinion, no matter how you try to avoid it. If not for that accidental discovery in the library I might not have been aware of Blanche Boyd because in spite of being a good, new, Southern woman writer with a big name New York publishers, her books are not given the attention they deserve in the state where she might be expected to be best known.

Columbia and Charleston, and even the state as a whole are not much as writer's territory. The press and the public here have a tendency to either ignore writers most of the time, or write about them with reverent ignorance. Impressed by the label "Author", they immediately forget their existence until the next new book emerges. There is precious little of the observant, indulgent, continually interested writer-watching which characterizes other, more urbane locations. That all-purpose example from the North, New York, possesses residents who watch and comment on writers and their progress the same way that other people follow the developments and troubles of the Knicks or the Yankees or the Giants or the Metropolitan Opera. Sometimes they are the same people. They have favorites, sympathetic or otherwise, but they read for pleasure and recreation, the way Southerners eat or hunt. Perhaps because of the whole complex of cultural baggage we have, reading and books still carry the unpleasant memory of that compulsive English teacher grimly rivetted on civilizing us all, who successfully innoculated Southern kids from the infectious love of written words. A few get through school, even college, untouched. Increasingly, more of them look for the same kind of pleasure from reading that other people get from less intimidating recreational pastimes.

All of this is changing the South and hopefully it will change in time for native writers like Blanche Boyd to receive the interest and attention she deserves. She came to Columbia, Dec. 17 to do a reading, which is in itself interesting. Authors usually come here to 'appear' on local morning T.V. talk shows and autograph copies of their books in department stores. Reading from a new piece of work shifts the attention from the writer to the book and forces evaluation of that writing, rather than mutual celebration of an authors' new or used celebrity status. Ms. Boyd appeared here to a small group of 40 or 50 women in the Gallery at The Heritage, on Senate Street, sponsored by the Women's Heritage Trust Association, also responsible for **Auntie Bellum** magazine. In Charleston Ms. Boyd was sponsored by a local bookstore, and was in town for visits with family members during the Christmas holidays.



Blanche McCrary Boyd

At her reading in Columbia she selected a chapter from **Mourning...** which consists of memories and explanations in the mind of one of the three primary characters in the book, Galley Rhett, older sister of Mallory Rhett, former sweetheart and friend of Shannon Hart. These three people, who grow up in Charleston in the 50's and 60's, speak only for themselves, but because of the times, their experiences was noticeably absent. It may be, once painfully familiar, to any white, middle class kid who jousted with love and sex and drugs while trying to grow up as the South swung around 180° in the 60's. Because it is set in a familiar place and time it is easier to find flaws in descriptions or characterizations but Boyd succeeds in making those literary conventions believable parts of real people. The road from Folly Beach to down town Charleston looks the way it does because Mallory is driving it. Shannon, who hangs out in California, but comes back to Charleston ostensibly because of a family death, remembers the South Carolina that only exists in his experiences, and it is a measure of Boyd's success as a writer that she can juggle all three sets of perceptions without any major accidents. In the chapter Ms. Boyd read in Columbia. Galley lies in a hospital bed in Charleston immediately after a rather unenthusiastic suicide attempt, thinking about her life and family, trying to figure out a way to convince the doctors she should get out. She is a character on the razor's edge, one done to exhaustion in slick trash like that written by Susan. Galley is the pretty, easy party girl, hard drinking and self-destructive, a character who is so well known she is ridiculous, and usually shallow. Boyd doesn't do much obvious explaining. She presents but doesn't explain, reasons why these people are what they are. Galley is the most difficult character to convincingly draw and the success of her portrayal drives the whole book along. Her sexuality is no more or less important than anyone else's. It is a fact but that doesn't mean it is easily explained. Sexual orientation is compelling and somewhat mysterious and it is her own response to her homosexuality that hurts her, not the sexual orientation itself. It may be this aspect of the book that has intimidated MacMillan Publishing Co. No one's sexuality is treated trivially or sensationally. It is presented as a powerful, marginally understood force that drives peoples lives, but homosexuality does not carry the mark of automatic doom.

When Ms. Boyd read to the audience in the Heritage, the chapter that contained honest language and numerous potentially offensive references was received with interest and respect by women who might have been expected to respond with disgust or disapproval. Not all of them were young or "liberal" but all were intrigued and the parts that were funny or ironic, even though they were funny and ironic about marital sex or lesbianism were received with humor and appreciation. The knee-jerk "Anita Bryant" reaction was noticeably absent. It may be once again, the authoritarian conservative response of a few Southerners is giving us all the reputation for intolerance that prevents a writer like Blanche Boyd from the presentation she deserves in the South.

Her first novel, **Nerves**, set entirely in Charleston, was available in paperback at the Joyful Alternative in Columbia and if they don't have it now they will order it. And you might ask about **Mourning the Death of Magic** at a few of the bookstores around town. If you are lucky enough to find it, buy it and make one small gesture in favor of literary tolerance and enthusiasm.

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In the not too distant past - today in some cases - mention of the word "midwife" conjured up a picture of an old "granny" trekking through the woods to deliver a baby in an isolated log cabin.

Today only a few "grannies", most in their 60's and 70's, are still licensed by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). As they retire no new ones are licensed. Ministering to poor people in remote areas, they delivered 373 of the state's 45,000 newborns last year.

Now a new breed of health care specialists are working in South Carolina to give pregnant women what they want: more personal childbirth experiences and healthier babies. They are called Certified Nurse Midwives.

To earn certification by the American College of Nurse Midwives, they must be registered nurses, complete and intensive 12-month course of study and clinical experience, and pass an indepth six-hour examination.

Most of the state's 23 CNMs are in Charleston. Doctors in only five other communities are backing them. Two work for Dr. Michael Watson and Dr. F.M. Dwight in family practice in Bamberg; three are at the Orangeburg Regional Hospital; one is at Conway hospital; one at Simpsonville hospital; and one at the Loris Community Hospital.

Commenting on the nurse midwives' effect on his practice, Dr. Watson says. "In 1975 our perinatal death was 60 per thousand deliveries. The first year (1976) it dropped below 15 in spite of the fact that most of the patients seen were high risk; young (under 18), black, and poor. The nurse midwives' concentration on prevention of complications lowered this rate."

The Medical University of South Carolina's College of Nursing is the state's traning facility for Certified Nurse Midwives.

"Competition is stiff for the 12 training slots the program fills each year," Dr. Henry C. Heins, deputy chief, Bureau of Maternal and Child Care at DHEC, says. "The restriction to 12 is because the learning is on a one-to-one basis. The nurses work with patients in the clinics.

"The nurse midwives examine the women throughout their pregnancies then do the deliveries. They also provide post partum and newborn care as well as family planning counseling."

A unique aspect of South Carolina's nurse midwifery program, the second in the southeast, is that both the father and mother are encouraged to participate in all phases of the prenatal classes. The father is taught to act as his wife's coach in the delivery room to instruct her in breathing and relaxation.

"We feel that the husband should learn what changes are taking place in the woman's body, what labor is, and how he can assist with the delivery," Dr. Heins says. "The husband's presence is a source of psychological support for the patient."

Despite the sparsity of nurse midwives, Mrs Barbara Barr of Andrews wanted her first baby to be an experience she and her husband would remember.

"I didn't want to be just a recipient of obstetrical care; I wanted to be a participant," says Mrs. Barr, explaining why she choose a nurse midwife. "The nurse midwife is more of a friend, counselor and equal. You are able to talk to her."

She traveled to the Medical University Hospital - 60 miles - for prenatal care. Sister Norma Pacenta, a nurse midwife, delivered her daughter Rebecca on June 30.

According to Sara Woolbert, clinical nurse specialist with DHEC, nurse midwifery started in 1925 in the hills of Kentucky.

"It had slow growth, but in the last 10 years there has been a great flowering," Wolbert says. "Many women want more than what hospitals are providing. This has grown out of the movement in the 60's to get away from the restrictions imposed by hospitals. Nurse midwives believe in making birth a pleasant, positive experience through family centered care."

Woolbert says the nurse midwife works directly under the physician's supervision with his obstetrical patients. Because of the increased amount of time she gives each patient, the woman is better prepared for childbirth.

"Nurse midwives will help improve the quality of care for all by freeing physicians to concentrate on treatment of the high risk and seriously ill," Heins says.

"In the next few years we will see a rapid growth of nurse midwifery in South Carolina because of the strong support," he adds. "However, we need more backing from the medical community which we are not getting in some areas because of social, political and financial situations."

Susan Boekhoff and her husband enjoy their minutes with their son, Susan Robert, a Certified Nurse Midwife, delivered the baby at Bamberg Hospital.

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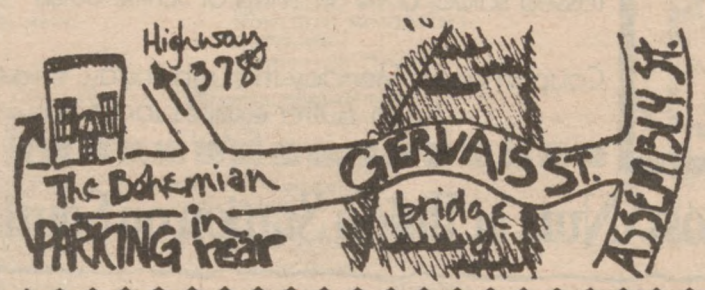

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"Just across the Gervais St. Bridge"

Neal

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Neal is a former Methodist minister. He urges people to pray and "do whatever you're led to do" to help him. He belives everyone has a purpose in life and that this may very well be his. "They say it takes a few crazy fools to set the world right, God's fools," he says.

State employees, he says, have told him he has made his point and urged him to go home. "My answer is when the assembly passes the bill and the governor signs it, and they print it and put it in my hand, I'm going home."

Meanwhile, he says he's praying, fasting and trying to think of ways to convince Edwards he is right.

The family didn't take Neal seriously when he first announced his plans for the fast, Vaddy Neal, his 19-year-old son, says. "I was surprised," he says.

"I'm proud of him. He's got the guts to go up there and do what he said he was going to do and he's still up there."

Mrs. Neal says she also was surprised when her husband decided to camp out at the State House. He had talked about it, she says, but the decision to do it at Christmas "sort of caught me on the spur of the moment."

Since Edwards has agreed to ask the matter be put on the docket during the regular session of the general assembly, she believes Neal has accomplished his purpose. "What we want him to do now is come home and get his strength back and go back to the regular session," she says. Neal, she believes, is "very weak" and she is concerned about his health.

Despite this concern, she is proud of him. "I think he's up there for a very, very worthy cause. Win, lose or die, I'm with him," she says.

Edwards will "gladly" sign a bill removing the sales tax on utilities but he will not call the general assembly into a special session to consider the measure, says Robert Liming, the governor's executive assistant for public affairs.

Liming says it is probably not fair to place a sales tax on anything as essential as electricity. "We all need utilities to live in this day and age." He also says Edwards favors removing the sales tax on drugs and food which isn't purchased in a restaurant.

However, the tax does provide the state with $35-40 million yearly. The legislature will have to cut the budget or replace the money from the tax if it is removed.

The expense involved in a special session is the main reason the governor will not call one, Liming says. He estimates such a session would cost about $100,000. The expense, he says, can't be justified when the legislature will meet the Jan. 10 anyway.

Also, he says, "you have no assurance the legislature will take the matter up." There is no way to limit or control the subjects the general assembly might consider.

Edwards, who met with Neal Tuesday, is "extremely concerned" about Neal's health, Liming says. He urged him to go home, get some rest and get ready to come back and try to convince the legislators to remove the sales tax.

Edwards has no way of getting Neal off the State House steps except by arresting him and he won't have that done, Liming says. Neal will be taken to a hospital if he becomes unconscious. "We're not going to force a man to do something against his will," he says. "Thank God this is a free country. The man has every right to express his opinion."

The length of time Neal continues his vigil is "his decision to make. We've told him what our position is and I don't think our position is unreasonable."

E.B. Russell, a security officer at the State House, says one of Edward's aides told them to help Neal "in any way we could and that's what we're doing.

"We don't mind him sitting out there. He's a citizen of this state and this State House is for the citizens of South Carolina."

By Donna Bise

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Summons
In the Family Court
Fifth Judicial Circuit
State of South Carolina
County of Richland
Ex Parte: Frank L. Christian, III
Petitioner,
In Re: Mary Ann McNayr Christian,
Petitioner
-vs-
Frank L. Christian, III,
Respondent.
TO THE RESPONDENT ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Petition in this action, the original of which is filed with the Clerk of the Family Court, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said Petition on the subscriber at his offices at 131 Morninghill Drive, Columbia, South Carolina, within twenty (20) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the date of such service; and if you fail to answer the Peition within the time aforesaid; the Petitioner will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Petition.

FRANK L. CHRISTIAN, III
ATTORNEY FOR THE EX PARTE PETITIONER
Columbia, South Carolina
December 2, 1977.
Clerk of the Family Court
Fifth Judicial Circuit

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION

The whereabouts of Mary Ann McNayr Christian being unknown after diligent search, it is ordered that she be served by publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Clerk of the Family Court
Fifth Judicial Cirucit
Columbia, South Carolina
12/30

Petition For Order Of
PETITION FOR ORDER OF PUBLICATION
State of South Carolina
County of Richland
IN THE RICHLAND COUNTY COURT
General Finance Corporation of South Carolina,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Frank Gunter, Jr. and Christine Gunter,
Defendants.

NOW COMES Edmund H. Monteith, attorney for the Plaintiff herein, who would respectfully show unto this Court:

1. That this is an action for default of a Promissory Note executed by the parties in Richland County, South Carolina.

2. That, although due and diligent search has been made for the Defendant, Frank Gunter, Jr., the Plaintiff has been unable to locate him in this County and State, as will more particularly appear from the affidavit of James T. Cantey, a copy of which is attached hereto.

3. That the Plaintiff is informed and believes that it is necessary that if obtain jurisdiction of the Defendant, Frank Gunter, Jr., by service of publication and it is its wish that this Court issue its Order allowing such service.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that this Court issues its Order authorizing service of the Summons, Notice of Filing of the Complaint, and Order of Publication herein.

MONTEITH, MONTEITH & GOTTLIEB
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Edmund H. Monteith
Columbia, South Carolina
December 21, 1977

AFFIDAVIT OF NON-SERVICE

PERSONALLY appeared before James T. Cantey, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he attempted to serve the Summons, Complaint, Verification in the above matter on the defendant, Frank Gunter, Jr., that after due and diligent search, he was unable to locate said defendant in said County and State, and, therefore, was unable to serve name.

James T. Cantey
SWORN TO before me this 22nd day of November, 1977
Notary Public for South Carolina
My commission expires: May 11, 1982.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

HAVING READ and filed the Petition of Edmund H. Monteith, attorney for the Plaintiff herein, and it appearing that this is an action for default of a Promissory Note executed in Richland County, South Carolina; and further that the Defendant, Frank Gunter, Jr., cannot after due diligence, be located in said County and State.

IT IS ORDERED that service in this matter be made on the Defendant, Frank Gunter, Jr., by publishing copies of the Summons, Notice of Filing of the Complaint, and this Order, in a paper of general circulation in Richland County, South Carolina, once weekly for three (3) consecutive weeks and by forwarding a copy of the pleadings to the Defendant, Frank Gunter, Jr., at his last known address.

CLERK OF COURT
RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
Columbia, South Carolina
December 22, 1977

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT

TO THE DEFENDANT, FRANK GUNTER, JR.:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the original Summons and Complaint in the above entitled action was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Richland County, the object and prayer of which is to obtain a money judgment for Nine Hundred Sixty-Eight and 50/100 ($968.50) Dollars, representing the amount in default under a certain Promissory Note incorporated therein, reasonable attorney fees therefor, and other relief as set forth in the Complaint.

MONTEITH, MONTEITH & GOTTLIEB
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Edmund H. Monteith
Columbia, South Carolina
December 21, 1977

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff would respectfully show unto this Court:

1. That the Plaintiff is a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of South Carolina, with its principal place of business in Richland County.

2. That on information and belief the Defendants are residents and citizens of Richland County, State of South CArolina.
Carolina.

3. That on or about November 14, 1973, as shown by a certain promissory note, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth verbatim, the Defendants promised to pay unto the Plaintiff the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-two and no/100 ($1,392.00) Dollars in twenty-four (24) monthly installments of Fifty-eight and no/100 ($58.00) Dollars, beginning December 14, 1973.

4. That according to said note, default in paying any installment may, at the option of the Plaintiff, without notice or demand, render the entire sum remaining unpaid to be at once due and payable; and that if suit is filed on the said note, the Defendants shall pay actual and reasonable attorney's fees as determined by the Court.

5. That the Defendants have defaulted in the payment of the installments on said note and that said default has rendered the entire unpaid sum of Nine Hundred Sixty-eight and 50/100 ($968.50) Dollars due and payable.

6. That on demand by the Plaintiff to pay the aforementioned unpaid sum, the Defendants have filed to pay the same.

7. That the Plaintiff is informed and belives it is entitled to an Order of this Court granting judgment against the Defendants in the amount of Nine Hundred Sixty-eight and 50/100 ($968.50) Dollars, plus costs of collection and actual and reasonable attorney's fees therefor.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays judgment of the Defendants the amount of Nine Hundred Sixty-eight and 50/100 ($968.50) Dollars, plus all costs of collection and actual and reasonable attorney's fees therefor, and for such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

MONTEITH, MONETIEHT MONTEITH, MONTEITH & GOTTLEIB
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Edmund H. Monteith
Columbia, South Carolina
November , 1977
1/13/78

SUMMONS
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON
IN THE FAMILY COURT
Lucille Betty Salisbury Phillips,
Petitioner,
-vs-
Lee Roy Salisbury,
Respondent.
TO: THE RESPONDENT, ABOVE: NAMED: LEE ROY SALISBURY:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Petition in the above entitled action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve your answer to the said Petition upon the subscribers at their offices, 1338 Pickens Street, Columbia, South Carolina, within twenty (20) days after the service hereof; and if you fail to answer the Petition within the time aforesaid, the petitioner in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the said Petition.

Robert C. Ashley
KNEECE, KNEECE & FREEMAN
Attorney for the Petitioner
Columbia, South Carolina
19th day of December, 1977.
Charles R. Shealy
Lexington County
Clerk of Family Court
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SUMMONS
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE FAMILY COURT
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON
Lucille Betty Salisbury Phillips,
Petitioner
-vs-
Lee Roy Salisbury,
Respondent.
TO: THE RESPONDENT, ABOVE NAMED: LEE ROY SALISBURY:

TAKE NOTICE that the Summons in the above entitled action of which the foregoing is a copy, together with the Petition herein was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Family Court - Eleventh Judicial Circuit on the 20th day of December, 1977, the object and prayer of which is to obtain an annulment.

Robert C. Ashley
Attorney for the Petitioner
Columbia, South Carolina
19th day of December, 1977.
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PETITION
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE FAMILY COURT
COUNTY OF LEXINGTON
Lucille Betty Salisbury Phillips,
Petitioner,
-vs-
Lee Roy Salisbury,
Respondent.

Now comes the Petitioner, Lucille Betty Salisbury Phillips, by and through her attorney, Robert C. Ashley, Esquire, and for her Petition against the Respondent, Lee Roy Salisbury alleges:

1. That the Petitioner is a resident and citizen of the County of Lexington, State of South Carolina.

2. That the Petitioner has no knowledge of the whereabouts of the Respondent, but is informed and believes that the Respondent last resided in the county of Richland, State of South Carolina.

3. That the Petitioner and Respondent were married on August 7, 1967 in the County of Kershaw, State of South Carolina.

4. That at the time of the marriage to the Petitioner the Respondent was legally married to one Gladys Gaye Williams; date of the marriage being December 20, 1963 in the State of West Virginia.

5. That about six (6) months after the Petitioner's marriage to the Respondent, the Respondent who was serving in the United States Armed Services, was sent to Vietnam. Further, that shortly thereafter the United States Army notified the Petitioner that the Respondent had a previous marriagestill in existence, making the marriage of the Petitioner and Respondent null and void and that her base privileges was therefore terminated.

6. That on November 22, 1971, the Petitioner was married to Walter Phillips, in Dentsville, South Carolina, believing that her previous marriage to the Respondent was null and void, and out of this said marriage to Walter Phillips, two (2) children have been born, to-wit: Jacqueline Phillips, age two and one-half (2 1/2) years and Amanda Phillips, age seven (7) months.

7. That the Petitioner reasonably believes that she is entitled to have her marriage to the Respondent annulled and that her marriage to the said Walter Phillips be declared valid for the reason that her marriage to the Respondent was null and void because of his pre-existing marriage contract.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that this Court enter judgement to annul Petitioner's marriage to the Respondent and to declare her subsequent marriage to the said Walter Phillips valid, and for such other futher relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Robert C. Ashley
Attorney for the Petitioner
Columbia, South Carolina
19th day of December, 1977
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Donald T. Burriss
c/o Betts & Enlow
Attorneys at Law
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